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## REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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### Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE, SENSE AMPLIFIER CIRCUIT AND METHOD OF READING FROM MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE

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**Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM**

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 24.03.03	2003-081251	Japan		
item (2)				
item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				

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The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

☐ all items    ☐ item (1)    ☐ item (2)    ☐ item (3)    ☐ item (4)    ☐ item (5)    ☐ other, see Supplemental Box

\*Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)): .....

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**Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA)** (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identify of the inventor	:
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request (including declaration sheets) : 5	1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet	: 1
description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables related thereto) : 50	2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney	: 1
claims : 3	3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney	: 1
abstract : 1	4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: .....	: 1
drawings : 22	5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature	:
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sequence listings :	7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (language): .....	:
tables related thereto :	8. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material	:
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